

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Recently the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management Baji Raut Regional Centre for Eastern India has been opened at Bhubaneshwar which will cater to the tourism training requirements of the Eastern and North-Eastern regions.

All Channel Programmes, West Bengal

4028. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received the demand from West Bengal to telecast all Doordarshan Channels and Metro channel programmes through Bardhaman and Asansol TV Relay Centres;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the time by which the same is likely to be started from these stations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Requests are received from time to time, from various quarters, for augmentation of TV service in various States. Whereas DD-2 and all other channels of Doordarshan are available throughout the country, including the entire State of West Bengal, via satellite by using appropriate dish antennae system, terrestrial transmission of DD-2 service is being extended in a phased manner depending on availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities. There is, however, no approved scheme, at present, to extend this facility to Asansol and Bardhaman.

Introduction of Express Train from Asansol to Rampurhat

4029. SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce an express train from Asansol to Rampurhat via Andal-Sainthia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said train is likely to be introduced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Operational and resource constraints.

[Translation]

Production and Export of Aluminium

4030. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total annual production consumption of aluminium in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the total export of aluminium and aluminium products during the above period;

(c) whether the production is sufficient to meet the demand of the country; and

(d) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to absorb latest technology for better yield of aluminium?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) The production of Aluminium, consumption and export of aluminium and articles thereof during the past three years i.e. from 1993-94 to 1995-96 is indicated below :-

Year	Production	Consumption	Export
1993-94	465165	410000	89661
1994-95	477801	471000	95099
1995-96	529264	521000	69636

(c) and (d) The installed capacity for production of aluminium of the five primary producers of aluminium is 6,70,000 tonnes; 3,18,000 tonnes capacity is in Public Sector and 3,52,000 tonnes is in private sector. The Primary Producers in the country take their decisions in respect of production of aluminium based on their commercial judgement. Besides aluminium metal and its articles thereof are under Open General Licence (OGL) of Export Import Policy. Each individual is free to do import and export of aluminium metal and articles thereof depending upon their commercial judgement. Similarly the decision to absorb that technology is dependent on the judgement of each enterprise.

[English]

Doordarshan/AIR Projects, Tripura

4031. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects for setting up of TV transmitters/AIR stations completed in Tripura, so far alongwith the number of pending projects, location-wise;

(b) the time by which the pending projects are likely to be completed; and

(c) the details of the new TV transmitters/AIR stations proposed to be set up in the State during 1997-98, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c)

Projects Completed/Functioning

All India Radio

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Agartala | 20 KW MW Transmitter |
| 2. Belonia | 6 KW FM Transmitter (LRS) |
| 3. Kailashahar | 3 KW FM Transmitter (LRS) |

Doordarshan

1. Agartala PPC
2. Agartala HPT
3. Agartala LPT (DD II)
4. Belonia Transposer

Projects Under Implementation

All India Radio

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Longtherai | 6 KW FM Transmitter |
| 2. Dharmanagar | 1 KW MW Transmitter (CRS) |
| 3. Natun Bazar | |

Doordarshan

1. Kailashahar LPT
2. Teliamura LPT
3. Kailashahar LPT (DD II)
4. Dharmanagar VLPT

Projects/schemes are expected to be completed during the Ninth Five Year Plan subject to availability of funds, infrastructural facilities and inter-se priorities.

Legend : LRS-Local Radio Station

PPC-Programme Production Centre

HPT-High Power Transmitter

LPT-Low Power Transmitter

VLPT-Very Low Power Transmitter

CRS-Community Radio Station.

Construction of New Railway Stations

4032. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal regarding construction of new Railway Stations at Vehloli and Tanset in Maharashtra under Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the above-mentioned Stations are likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Proposals for opening of halts at Vehaloli between Vasind and Asangaon stations and at Thansit Cabin between Atgaon and Khardi stations on Kalyan-Kasara section which are under the jurisdiction of Central Railway have been received and examined. While opening of a halt at Vehaloli has not been found justified on operating and engineering points of view, a halt at Thansit Cabin has not been found to be financially justified.

Utilisation of Railway Land and Properties

4033. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the Railways had appointed

a High Level Committee to study and submit report on thousands of Acres of unused railway land and properties at Barauni-Garhara areas of North Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has since submitted its report to the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Complaints from Passengers of IA

4034. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received complaints from the passengers of the Indian Airlines regarding irregularity of schedules, delays and deficiencies in other services;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last six months;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start Trivandrum-Chennai-Delhi directly daily flights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?